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POLICEMAN CHARGED WITH KILLING HIS WIFE IS KEPT IN CUSTODY

A court case of a Northamptonshire Police officer accused of murdering his wife, is likely to be heard outside of the county.

Detective Constable Adrian 'Otis' Goldsmith, aged 49, appeared at Northampton Crown Court via video link on Tuesday monring.

He was arrested at his home address in Wootton Hall Park last Thursday in connection with the alleged murder of his wife, Jill, aged 49.

A post mortem examination concluded that Mrs Goldsmith had died as a result of a head injury.

At Northampton Crown Court on Tuesday, Richard Mandel, prosecuting, made an application for the case to be transferred out of the county as he said Goldsmith was a "very well known police officer in Northamptonshire".

Judge Rupert Mayo agreed that it would be "undesirable"

for the case to remain in the county and stated it would have to be tried by a High Court judge, so moving it out ofthe county would also speed up the process.

The case could be heard in Birmingham or Nottingham Crown Courts.

Stephen Evans, defending, said his client did not wish to plea and he made no application for bail.

A plea and case management hearing will take place in July.

Goldsmith was remanded in custody, the time limit for which expires on September 26.

He was arrested last Thursday and neighbours have expressed their shock, describing him as "a really good guy"

One resident said: "We know him quite well, as do the whole street. All the children used to play outside. It is a close community."



Adrian 'Otis' Goldsmith pictured with his wife, Jill, who died last week. He has now been charged with her murder



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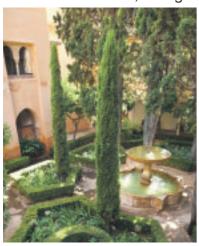


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Take-away town? Northampton has ranked fifth in a study of the most 'unhealthiest' town centres in the UK due to the number or take-aways, betting shops and tanning salons it has.-

Town centre in top 5 least healthy list

BY PAUL LYNCH

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Northampton town centre has been branded the fifth most 'unhealthy' in the UK after a survey found a high proportion of betting shops, tanning salons and take-

The Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) has ranked 70 of the UK's major towns and cities based on the proportion of businesses found in their main retail area that either "support or harm the public's health.

And Northampton came out fifth - behind Preston, Middlesbrough, Coventry and

Chief Executive of RSPH Shirley Cramer, said the ranking is "by no means a reflection on whether these areas are generally healthy or un-

But she added: "Our research does find higher concentrations of unhealthy businesses exist in places which already experience high levels of deprivation and premature mortality.

"We recognise that businesses investing in high streets are important for local economies, but this shouldn't be at any price."

The league table forms part of RSPH's Health on the High Street campaign which aims to give further powers to local authorities in the areas of planning and licensing.

The society says that 'based on public and expert, bookmakers, payday loan shops, fast food outlets and tanning salons have the most negative impact on health, while pharmacies, leisure centres, and health services have the most

Northampton Borough Council has hit back by say-

'Better to have takeaways than empty shops'

ing the study is based on 'a very limited view'.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Although there are limits in what we can do through the planning and licensing system, we can create a vibrant economy to attract new business to Northamp-

"This week we have released figures to show how footfall is increasing year on

"And this will help bring a wider variety of brands and businesses to our town."

The RSPH is now calling on the next government, to give greater planning powers to prevent the number of betting shops, payday lenders and fast food outlets in a town

It has called for a five per cent limit on each type of business on a high street in order to avoid 'oversaturation' and it says councils should be able to set their own differential business rates to encourage healthier outlets in towns.

Finally it says fast food outlets should display calorie ratings of items on its menu.

Northamptonshire County Council says the survey does not take into account other things which are helping to improve health in the town.

A spokesperson said: "Schemes such as Cycle Connect also have an impact on the wellbeing of a town, offering more opportunities to get and about any increase physical activity.

Work is also under way to look at various aspects of food in the county, including the health and social aspects of the local food environment."

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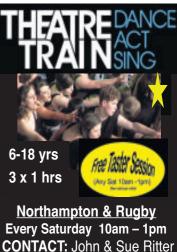
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Chairman: 'Stand due

By Paul Lynch

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Work is set to resume on Northampton Town Football club's ill-fated East Stand development more than six months after workers downed tools at the site.

Cobblers chairman David Cardoza has announced that new terms have been agreed with contractors Buckingham Group for them to return to the site at Sixfields on

He said: "I am delighted we can draw a line under this matter.

"It has been a frustrating time for the club, our supporters and for the contractor, but we can move on now and we are delighted to be able to welcome Buckingham Group back to the site."

Mr Cardoza, said the new stand is likely to be open 'during the early weeks of next

In an interview yesterday the club chairman could not reveal more about why the lengthy delay had occurred, other than to reiterate that a 'dispute with the previous contractors over a number of different things' had been the main cause.

The club had originally contracted the work to County Group, who then subcontracted stadium specialists Buckingham Group to complete the construction work.w

But the announcement yesterday shows Cobblers have now severed ties with County Group and are contracting Buckingham direct-

"We have been in active, constructive dialogue with Buckingham Group for a while," Mr Cardoza said.

And the club chairman also revealed that the delay has cost the club a 'huge' amount of income since workers downed tools on October 6.

Chairman of Buckingham Group Paul Wheeler thanked Cobblers supporters for their 'patience and their sup-

He added: "We share the frustrations of the supporters and following the unwelcome delay to the stadium project, we are delighted that all issues



are now resolved with the club and our previous client.

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Work will now start again on the East Stand at Northampton Town, and it is set to open early next seasor

The new East Stand, which was originally due for completion in July last year, is being built courtesy of a £12 million loan from Northampton Borough Council.

But now, with the contractual disputes resolved, Mr Wheeler says the new stand should be open by the second week of September.

"It will be fairly plain sailing from here," he said.

"These sorts of disputes are few and far between.

"It is an unusual situation, as we didn't have a direct contractual situation with the football club," Mr Wheeler

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that l get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of

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McBusted will perform at Alive@Delapre in Northampton in July

Pop band McBusted have been revealed as the Friday night headline act for Alive@ Delapre in Northampton this summer.

The group is the third and final act to be confirmed for the open-air concert series in the surroundings of Delapre Park.

McBusted will play on Friday, July 17, followed on the Saturday by Jessie J, with Alfie Boe on Sunday, July 19.

Together McBusted and McFly have sold more than 15 million records worldwide and achieved 14 number ones, 20 top three singles and 27 top 10 singles.

McFly members Tom Fletcher, Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter and Harry Juddjoined forces with James Bourne and Matt Willis to form supergroup McBusted in 2013 and concert goers can expect a set full of the bands' biggest hits, including new material from their new McBusted album.

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Plan submitted for **Aldi supermarket** BY PAUL LYNCH Email: paul.lynch@jpress.co.uk Plans for an Aldi supermar-

ket and residential development on the site of the former Chronicle & Echo building have been submitted to Northampton Borough Council.

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The major discount firm, which has more than 540 stores across the UK, intends to build its fourth store in the town on the Upper Mounts.

The former Chron building was demolished throughout last year and if the company's bid is successful, around 20 per cent of the site will be reserved for a future housing development accessed via Great Russell Street.

A spokesperson for Aldi said the application was 'being processed by the council' and said the company would let the community know when and how they can comment on the application soon.

"We would like to thank



An artist's impression of the new Aldi store planned for Upper Mounts

the local community for their support to date and hope residents will continue to support the plans now they have been submitted," the spokesperson continued.

"We believe this proposal offers a real opportunity to increase local shopping choice and bring a prominent, wellknown site back into use for the community.'

A design and access statement compiled by Birmingham architects Dalkin Scotton Partnership shows how the proposed Aldi store would be accessed from Earl Street. The car park will have trees and shrubs planted around the perimeter.

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Community radio station granted five-year licence

By Callum Jones

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A new community radio station is to be launched in Northampton after Ofcom awarded a five-year FM licence to an organisation in the town.

NNBC, which is hoping to be on air by the summer, is a joint venture with the University of Northampton and will aim to provide local news, music and spoken word content.

Terry Doyle, station manager at NNBC, said University of Northampton media and journalism students would provide a significant amount of the talent that will enable NNBC to create local speech

He said: "I'm delighted that Ofcom has approved our ap-



Station manager at NNBC, Terry Doyle, says it will be a 'truly local

plication and the hard work begins now. NNBC will provide an original, innovative and truly local radio service aimed at the clearly identifiable community that live, learn, work and play in Northampton and its environs"

Chairman of the new community radio station, and former Northampton MP Tony Clarke said: "We are delighted with Ofcom's decision, and the ongoing support from the university, as a board we have felt that Northampton's local media offer needed a boost, and its people a voice, we want to showcase the best of Northampton and provide news, music and spoken word content which is fresh and relevant to the local community.

Steve Taylor, deputy dean of the School of the Arts at the University of Northampton, said the granting of a licence for NNBC to broadcast for five years was fantastic news for the people of Northampton and university students.

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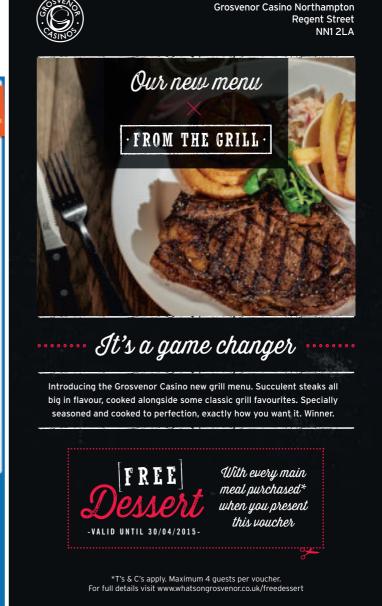
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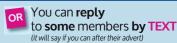
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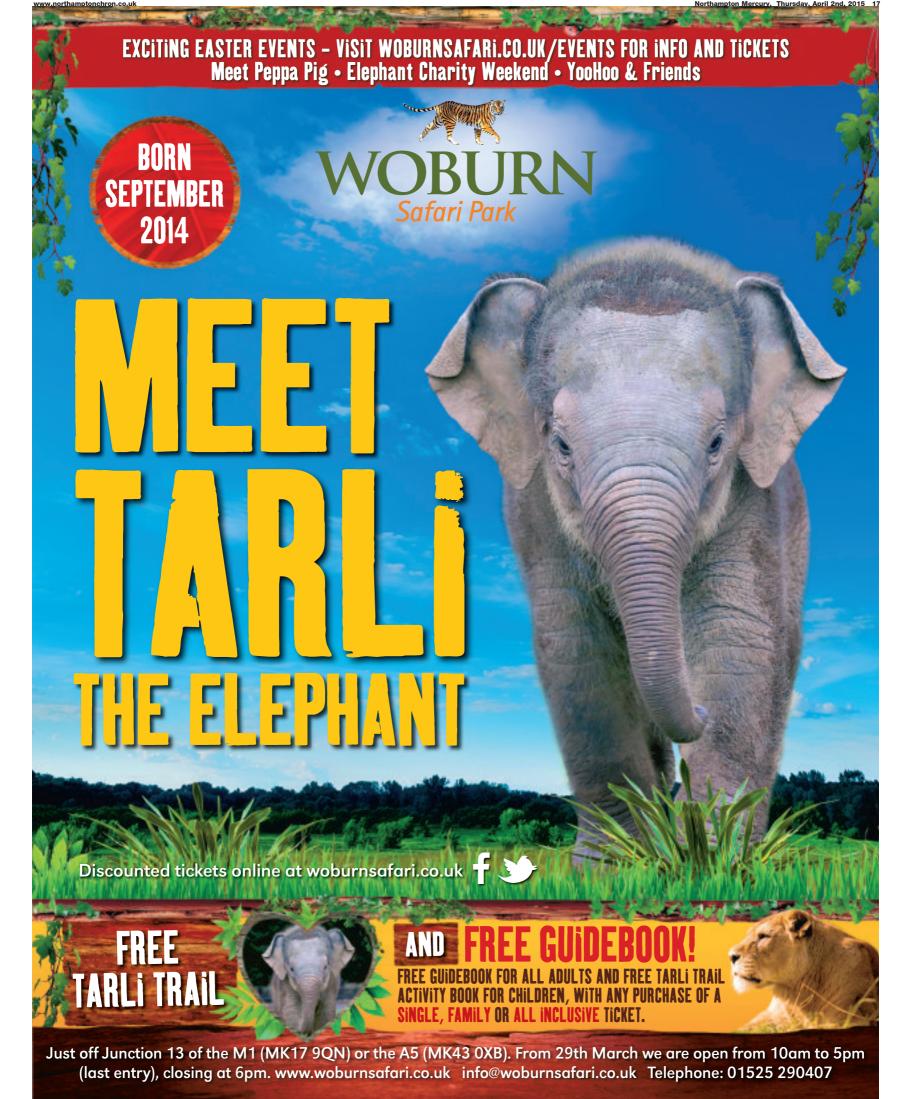
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Clermont set sights on Saints

French giants have been targeting us for weeks, says flanker Wood

RUGBY UNION

Tom Wood believes Clermont Auvergne have been targeting Saturday's Champions Cup quarter-final against Saints for

The French giants were beaten 40-26 at Stade Français last weekend but remain joint top of the Top 14 with Toulon.

They boast a formidable home record, having not lost in Europe since a defeat to Sale

And with key men to come back into the side for this weekend's fixture, Wood knows what kind of challenge awaits Saints at Stade Marcel Michelin.

"I hear from a fairly reliable source that they've been preparing for our game for a month or so," said the England

"I thought the Top 14 would be a huge priority for them but it appears not.

They've been putting all their eggs in one basket and targeting us, which is nice to hear!

"We saw them playing against Saracens and they're a very difficult side to break

"We know we've got to lift it against them.'

Saints head across the Channel with little pressure on their shoulders as Clermont are big favourites to continue their impressive record.

But having won at Ulster in 2012 and Leinster in 2013, Wood is hoping some of Northampton's underdog spirit can show again on Saturday.

"We've got an underdog tag that we don't carry very often and it's a huge challenge for us," he said.

"But I like to think we're at our best when our backs are against the wall and hopefully we'll come out and shock a few people."

Meanwhile, Stephen Myler feels Saints were defensively 'dumb' against Wasps and has warned them they can't afford to make the same mistakes at Clermont.

Saints were given a sizeable scare by Dai Young's men at Franklin's Gardens on Friday night, falling 20-8 behind before recovering to claim a 52-30 victory.

And Myler said: "It was pretty frantic to be honest. There was a lot of energy, a lot of loose ball, a lot of things we did poorly, but we're obviously pleased to get the win.

"We've got a few things to work on because we can't play like that this weekend and think we're going to get away

"We were being a little bit dumb, a little bit keen at times and there are things we need to make better this week.



Ahsee Tuala scored an acrobatic try for Saints in their win against Wasps last Friday

Ricky: Cobblers can be the dark horses

RICKY HOLMES believes the Cobblers can maintain their late charge and be this season's Sky Bet League Two play-off dark horses.

Regularly in the past it has been the case that teams in league two have made late runs to clinch a place in the end-of-season knockout jamboree.

Last season it was York City that put together a run

FOOTBALL

of 11 wins in 17 games, losing just once in that time, to set up a play-off semi-final with Fleetwood.

The Cobblers can't quite match that Minstermen run for consistency, but they have won 10 of their past 15 matches, and with seven games remaining are four points off the top seven.

Despite a couple of hiccups, namely defeats to Carlisle United and Bury, Holmes believes the momentum is still with Cobblers and they can reach the play-offs.

York did it last year and got into the play-offs from nowhere, and there is always seemingly one team that does that," said Holmes.

"Crewe did it one year I

remember, and they went up, and hopefully we can do

"We are keeping our feet firmly on the ground, but Saturday's win over Luton keeps our season alive.

If we had lost then it was dead and buried, and it's never nice going into the last six or seven games with nothing to play for, as you just end up going through

the motions."

Holmes was the star man in an excellent team performance against Luton, and he has been in great form since joining the club from Portsmouth, initially on loan and then on a permanent contract.

Cobblers fans will still bepinching themselves that Pompey let such a class act as Holmes quit Fratton Park for Sixfields, but the player is quick to praise manager Chris Wilder and assistant Alan Knill for allowing him the freedom to express himself out on the pitch.

"This is a great place to work," said Holmes.

The gaffer and Alan Knill have really put the confidence in us to go out and perform and show everybody what we can do."